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| For:                  | BENZYLETHER AND BENZYLAMINO BETA-SECRETASE<br>INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S<br>DISEASE |                   |

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This submission is in response to office action mailed May 14, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend this application as follows:

The Listing of Claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 14 of this paper.

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